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To: House Education Committee
Cc: Rep. McNamara, Joseph M.; Rep. Noret, Thomas E.; Rep. Kislak, Rebecca M.; Rep. Biah, Nathan W.; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Cotter, Megan L.; Rep. Donovan, Susan R; Rep. Giraldo, Joshua J.; Rep. Morales, David; Rep. Perez, Ramon A.; Rep. Phillips, Robert D.; Rep. Rea, Brian J.; Rep. Roberts, Sherry; Rep. Voas, Brandon T.
Subject: Against H5739

Dear Representatives,

My name is Joseph Burgio. I am Director of Rhode Island Atheists and I strongly oppose H5739. Bills like this reflect the viewpoint and will of a small group of right-wing parents and are not in keeping with the values of most Rhode Islanders. This bill would introduce bigotry and intolerance into the classroom and deprive our children of a well-rounded education. The people of Rhode Island are proud to live in a state where books and important topics are not banned from the classroom. This bill is meant to discriminate against vulnerable minorities and has no place in our state. As legislators, it is your duty to protect students and education in Rhode Island. Please vote against H5739.

Thank you for your consideration,
Joseph Burgio
Director
Rhode Island Atheists